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# **NEPO411 Furniture**

THE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH EAST COUNCILS LIMITED

F02: Contract notice

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# **Section I: Contracting authority**

# I.1) Name and addresses

THE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH EAST COUNCILS LIMITED

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Country

**United Kingdom** 

**NUTS** code

UK - United Kingdom

#### Internet address(es)

Main address

www.nepo.org

# I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

# I.3) Communication

Access to the procurement documents is restricted. Further information can be obtained at

www.nepo.org

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

www.nepo.org

# I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

# I.5) Main activity

General public services

# **Section II: Object**

# II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

NEPO411 Furniture

Reference number

#### NEPO411

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

 39000000 - Furniture (incl. office furniture), furnishings, domestic appliances (excl. lighting) and cleaning products

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

**Supplies** 

#### II.1.4) Short description

The Association of North East Councils Trading as the North East Procurement Organisation (NEPO) is seeking to establish a multi-lot, multi-supplier Framework Agreement for the supply, delivery and installation of furniture across a variety of public-sector settings.

The opportunity can be accessed via the NEPO eTender system. Suppliers wishing to be considered for this Framework must register their expression of interest and submit a tender through the NEPO eTender System. If not already registered, candidates should register on the NEPO eTender system at <a href="https://procontract.due-north.com/register">https://procontract.due-north.com/register</a>.

Tenders must be submitted using the link above. Tenders submitted via post or email methods will not be accepted. If you require time-critical assistance on submitting your Tender please contact the System Support Team on 0330 0050352. For non time-critical issues, such as passwords, general account queries and location of information etc, please contact Proactis Supplier Support Helpdesk Ticketing System (<a href="http://proactis.kayako.com/">http://proactis.kayako.com/</a>) and select ProContract V3 support. You will then need to log in or submit a ticket to register your issue. Alternatively, you can email <a href="mailto:ProContractSuppliers@proactis.com">ProContractSuppliers@proactis.com</a> this will automatically log a support ticket on the Proactis Supplier Support Helpdesk.

NEPO does not give any guarantee and/or warrant the actual value of orders (if any) which will be placed with the successful suppliers by any Contracting Authority using the Framework Agreement pursuant to this process and accepts no liability thereof.

#### II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £85,000,000

#### II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

## II.2) Description

# II.2.1) Title

Lot 1 - Office Furniture & Home Working

Lot No

1

#### II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 39130000 Office furniture
- 39151300 Modular furniture

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

**NUTS** codes

• UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

All Suppliers must be able to supply and install furniture and associated products on a direct delivery basis to participating Contracting Authority establishments across the North East Region.

At the point of tender NEPO have indicative volumes for the North East region only. However, NEPO wish to work with Suppliers to grow the Framework Agreement through the NEPO Associate Membership scheme, which may result in the supply of furniture to other regions of the UK.

#### II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Supply, delivery and installation of general office furniture and associated services including but not limited to office seating, desking, tables, desk screens - including protective Coronavirus solutions - monitor arms and storage solutions. Successful Suppliers will provide a comprehensive range of furniture for a variety of office settings, including reception, conference, dining and bespoke solutions along with any home working requirements of Contracting Authorities.

#### II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

#### II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

This Framework Agreement will be a direct replacement for the current NEPO411 Framework Agreement for the Supply of Furniture, it is anticipated that the preceding Framework Agreement will be subject to future renewals.

#### II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

#### II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

# II.2) Description

#### II.2.1) Title

Lot 2 - Educational & Library Furniture

Lot No

2

#### II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 39155000 Library furniture
- 39160000 School furniture

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

**NUTS** codes

• UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

All Suppliers must be able to supply and install furniture and associated products on a direct delivery basis to participating Contracting Authority establishments across the North East Region.

At the point of tender NEPO have indicative volumes for the North East region only. However, NEPO wish to work with Suppliers to grow the Framework Agreement through the NEPO Associate Membership scheme, which may result in the supply of furniture to other regions of the UK.

### II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Supply, delivery and installation of educational and library furniture to meet the requirements of nursery, early years, primary, secondary, higher educational and further education establishments and associated services. Successful Suppliers will provide a comprehensive range of furniture for a variety of educational settings, including dining, library and bespoke solutions.

#### II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

#### II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

This Framework Agreement will be a direct replacement for the current NEPO411 Framework Agreement for the Supply of Furniture, it is anticipated that the preceding Framework Agreement will be subject to future renewals.

#### II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

#### II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

# II.2) Description

#### II.2.1) Title

Lot 3 - Residential Furniture (Social Care)

Lot No

3

# II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

• 39140000 - Domestic furniture

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

**NUTS** codes

• UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

All Suppliers must be able to supply and install furniture and associated products on a direct delivery basis to participating Contracting Authority establishments across the North East Region.

At the point of tender NEPO have indicative volumes for the North East region only. However, NEPO wish to work with Suppliers to grow the Framework Agreement through the NEPO Associate Membership scheme, which may result in the supply of furniture to other regions of the UK.

#### II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Supply, delivery and installation of residential furniture and associated solutions to meet a variety of social care requirements, including care homes, social housing providers and council tenancies including immediate provision of furniture for temporary accommodation. Successful Suppliers will provide a comprehensive range of living solutions including white goods and kitchen appliances, along with other household items, such as cooking utensils, cutlery and crockery.

#### II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

### II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

**Duration in months** 

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

This Framework Agreement will be a direct replacement for the current NEPO411 Framework Agreement for the Supply of Furniture, it is anticipated that the preceding Framework Agreement will be subject to future renewals.

### II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

### II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

# II.2) Description

#### II.2.1) Title

Lot 4 - Reserved Contracts (Supported Businesses)

Lot No

4

#### II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

• 39000000 - Furniture (incl. office furniture), furnishings, domestic appliances (excl. lighting) and cleaning products

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

**NUTS** codes

• UK - United Kingdom

#### II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Regulation 20 of the Public Contracts Regulations (PCR 2015) focuses on opportunities for social and professional integration of disadvantaged or disabled workers and allows Contracting Authorities to restrict the tendering process to organisations meeting the relevant criteria of a Supported Business. In addition to being a Supported Business, successful Suppliers must also be able to meet the requirements of one or more lots as set out above, Lots 1-3.

#### II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

### II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

This Framework Agreement will be a direct replacement for the current NEPO411 Framework Agreement for the Supply of Furniture, it is anticipated that the preceding Framework Agreement will be subject to future renewals.

#### II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

## II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

# Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

# III.1) Conditions for participation

#### III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

## Section IV. Procedure

## **IV.1) Description**

# IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

#### IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

#### IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

## IV.2) Administrative information

#### IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

2 June 2021

Local time

12:00pm

#### IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

**English** 

#### IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 4 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

#### IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

2 June 2021

Local time

1:00pm

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure

Legal representatives from Gateshead Metropolitan Borough Council will be responsible for opening tender responses.

# **Section VI. Complementary information**

## VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: 12 months prior to the published expiry date.

# VI.3) Additional information

NEPO is a Central Purchasing Body as defined in the Public Contract Regulations 2015 (PCR15). The agreement will be available for use by all NEPO Members. A list of member organisations is available in the About section of the NEPO website at: <a href="https://www.nepo.org">www.nepo.org</a>

This agreement will also be made available to all current and future NEPO Associate Members. Current Associate Members are listed in the Associate Member section of the NEPO website at: <a href="https://www.nepo.org/associate-membership/list">www.nepo.org/associate-membership/list</a>

NEPO intends to make the resulting agreement available for use by all Contracting Authorities throughout all administrative regions of the UK (as defined by the Public Contracts Regulations 2015) including but not limited to Government Departments and their Agencies, Non-Departmental Public Bodies, Central Government, NHS Bodies, Local Authorities, Emergency Services, Coastguard Emergency Services, Educational Establishments, Registered Social Landlords and Registered Charities who have a need to purchase the above services.

Please see the following websites for further details:

http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/DI1/Directories/Localcouncils/index.htm

https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education

https://www.gov.uk/check-a-university-is-officially-recognised/recognised-bodies

http://www.schoolswebdirectory.co.uk/localauthorities.php

http://www.ukschoolsdirectory.net

https://www.gov.uk/find-school-in-england

https://education.gov.scot/ParentZone

http://hwb.wales.gov.uk/

https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/open-academies-and-academy-projects-in-development

http://unistats.direct.gov.uk/institutions/

http://www.hefce.ac.uk/workprovide/unicoll/heis/

http://www.hefce.ac.uk/workprovide/unicoll/fecs/

http://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/AcuteTrustListing.aspx

http://www.wales.nhs.uk/nhswalesaboutus/structure

http://www.scottishambulance.com/TheService/organised.aspx

http://www.hscni.net/index.php?link=trusts

http://www.scottishambulance.com/AboutUs/HowWeOrganised.aspx

http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/DI1/Directories/A-ZOfCentralGovernment/index.htm

https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations

http://www.northernireland.gov.uk/gov.htm

http://www.nidirect.gov.uk/local-councils-in-northern-ireland

http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2012/02/2421/1

https://www.communities-ni.gov.uk/contact

https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/articles/list-public-bodies-which-ni-public-procurement-policy-applies

https://www.ons.gov.uk/

https://www.police.uk/forces/

http://www.police-information.co.uk/index.html

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http://www.psni.police.uk/index.htm

http://www.scotland.police.uk/

https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/maritime-and-coastguard-agency http://www.fireservice.co.uk/

information/ukfrs

http://www.gov.scot/Topics/archive/law-order/Police/PoliceServiceofScotland

http://www.fire.org.uk/fire-brigades.html

http://www.nifrs.org/areas-districts/

http://www.firescotland.gov.uk/your-area.aspx

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/current-registered-providers-of-social-housing

http://directory.scottishhousingregulator.gov.uk/pages/default.aspx

 $\underline{https://gov.wales/topics/housing-and-regeneration/publications/registered-social-landlords} \underline{in-wales/?lang=en}$ 

https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/contacts/housing-associations

http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/About\_us/Regulation/Registering\_charities\_index.aspx

http://www.oscr.org.uk/

https://idea.org.uk/

http://apps.charitycommission.gov.uk/Showcharity/RegisterOfCharities/

registerhomepage.aspx

http://www.sell2wales.gov.uk/Search/search\_Auth.aspx

http://www.communities.gov.uk/newsroom/factsandfigures/housingplanning1/facts/socialhousing/?id=1822644

A complete list of permissible users is shown on the NEPO website below:

https://www.nepo.org/associate-membership/permissible-users

Organisations wishing to access the NEPO agreement will be required to register as a NEPO Associate Member in the first instance. Further information can be found at: <a href="https://www.nepo.org">www.nepo.org</a>

## VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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Country

**United Kingdom**